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MEANINGFUL WORSHIP

✓ John 4:19-24

925.

Faithful + regular

INT: Worship to God, a small RETURN for all God's blessings.

Luke 4:8. (Deut. 6:13). ✓ Ps. 66:4. John 4:23-24.

A Christian defined: One who loves God and recognizes his total dependence upon Him for everything.

A true Christian will seek to worship God and worship Him Spiritually and Meaningfully.

I. MEANINGFUL WORSHIP REQUIRES (PRIOR PREPARATION.)

A. I Cor. 14:40 demands forethought, planning & prep.

B. Personal preparation demands personal introspection

1. Forgiven all. Matt. 6:12 & 14. Much? Matt. 18:22

2. Reconciled any differences. Matt. 5:23-24.

C. REST enough, so have capacity to FEEL. LOVE. OFFER!

D. Put house, clothes and mind in order to GIVE SOMETHING

II. MEANINGFUL WORSHIP REQUIRES (PROPER PRINCIPLES.)

A. Speak where Bible speaks: Worship as Bible directs.

1. Assemble because early Christians did. Acts 2:42

2. Sing from the heart. Eph. 5:19. Col. 3:16. *no mol!*

3. Pray from the heart. Imagine an instrument here!

4. Commune with God and His Son. I Cor. 11:24, 25.

5. Preaching and listening from the Book! H. 4:12.

6. Giving, cheerfully & meaningfully. II Cor. 9:7.

III. "PERSONAL PARTICIPATION" NECESSARY TO VALIDITY.

A. No spectators in Church of Christ. All involved!

B. Assembly itself, a sermon in faith in God. H. 11:6.

C. Singing is praise from the heart. I Cor. 14:15.

D. Prayer is pouring the heart out to God. I Tim. 2:8.

E. Giving is "going my part!" James 1:27. Mk. 16:15-16.

F. Communion is: Sermon on faith and trust. I C. 11:26

G. Preaching for eternity: Listening for the same.

II Tim. 4:1-2. *Listen to word....*

IV. "PRACTICE" AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

A. Sing: "My Jesus I love thee!" Who tell about it?

B. Pray: "Lord bless unfortunate." Eyes peeled for sin

C. Preach: "Preach to all world!" Made visit lately??

D. Commune with LORD/and then live with Satan in week?

E. Give 3% to Lord and spend 20% on recreation???

ENV: WORSHIP IS THE SECRET to Strength, Comfort and

Happiness in our lives. Well expressed by

Mr. Ralph Cushman in his Poem: The Secret. (over)



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THE SECRET

I meet God in the morning,
When my day is at its best
And His presence comes like sunrise,
And sheds glory into my breast.

All day His presence lingers,
All day long He stays with me.
And we sail in a perfect calmness,
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships are blown and battered.
Other ships are sore distressed.
But the same winds that drive them
Bring to me a peace and rest.

Then I think of other mornings,
With a keen remorse of mind,
When I too had loosed the moorings
And had left my God behind.

So now I know the secret,
✓ Learned through my stumbling way; /
You must seek God every morning,
If you want Him throughout the day.

Ralph Cushman (Adapted) Knt. II, 760

If not a CHRISTIAN, can make worship meaningful by obeying
B-R-C-B acts 2:38.

If neglected the WORSHIP, no wonder not happy! R-P

Identify if a newcomer Christian to our area! Come NOW!

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